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NEWTON

La généralité que j'embrasse, au lieu d'éblouître nos lumières, nous décoverra plutôt les véritables loix de la Nature dans tout leur éclat, & on y trouvera des raisons encore plus fortes, d'en admirer la beauté & la simplicité.

EULER

... ut proinde his paucis consideratis tota haec materia redacta sit ad puram Geometriam, quod in physicis & mechanicis unice desideratum.

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